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Dear Principal:

I am pleased to inform you of the opportunity for classroom teachers and counselors to participate in the 2007 Candidate Subsidy Scholarship Program of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS). The NBPTS will provide a \$1250 subsidy of the \$2500 application fee/registration fee for thirty nine classroom teachers/counselors to participate in the National Board Certification Program during the 2007-08 school year. Candidates will be required to pay the additional \$1250 and registration fee of \$65 or find another resource. Selection will be based on the completed application **due May 11, 2007**. The application process begins with the submission of the completed attached application to:

Rebecca Anderson
Educator Licensing Specialist
Utah State Office of Education
250 East 500 South
P.O. Box 144200
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4200
rebecca.anderson@schools.utah.gov

In order to apply for the program, a teacher must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- \$ hold a baccalaureate degree
- \$ taught for a minimum of three years
- \$ hold a valid state teaching license for those three years
- \$ will be teaching in a classroom for the 2006-2007 school year or hold a school counseling position for the 2006-2007 school year.
- \$ will be teaching one of the fields where certificates are offered:
 - Generalist** (Early Childhood or Middle Childhood)
 - Art** (Early and Middle Childhood or Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood)
 - Career and Technical Education** (Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood)

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English as a New Language (Early and Middle Childhood or Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood)
English Language Arts (Early and Middle Childhood/Literacy-Reading Language Arts or Early Adolescence or Adolescence and Young Adulthood)
Exceptional Needs (Early Childhood through Young Adulthood)
Library Media (Early Childhood through Young Adulthood)
Mathematics (Early Adolescence or Adolescence and Young Adulthood)
Music (Early and Middle Childhood or Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood)
Physical Education (Early and Middle Childhood or Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood)
School Counseling (Early Childhood through Young Adulthood)
Science (Early Adolescence or Adolescence and Young Adulthood)
Social Studies-History (Early Adolescence and Adolescence and Young Adulthood)
World Languages other than English (Early Adolescence through Young Adulthood)

It is suggested that educators access the NBPTS website at www.nbpts.org for information (many questions about the program will be answered by checking this website). Additional funding from school districts may be applied for by individual candidates contacting their district human resource director.

After submission of the attached application form to the Utah State Office of Education, notification of candidate selection and requirements to attend all candidate support meetings and promissory note will be sent to the candidate by May 25, 2007.

Thank you for providing this information to the teachers in your district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray Timothy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ray Timothy, Associate Superintendent
Law, Legislation & Educational Services

Attachment